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New York, 25-27 April 2016

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Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Chair of the Bureau of the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests.

2. Election of the Co-Chairs

The expert group may wish to elect the two nominated candidates, one representing the North and the other the South, as the Co-Chairs of the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group on the development of proposals on matters referred to in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33.

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The expert group may wish to consider and adopt its agenda and programme of work.

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4. Tasks of the expert group

In carrying out its tasks, the expert group will be guided by Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33, in which the Council established a working group and an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group. In accordance with paragraph 48 of the resolution, the expert group will conduct up to two meetings in 2016, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, to develop and submit proposals to the working group on the matters referred to in paragraph 44 of the resolution, namely: (a) the replacement of the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1 (b) of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests with an appropriate reference to the Sustainable Development Goals and targets; and (b) the strategic plan for the period 2017-2030 and the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2017-2020, consistent with section XI of the resolution. In developing proposals for the strategic plan, the expert group will take into account the views and proposals submitted by Member States and relevant stakeholders, as well as paragraphs 13 (b), 37, 38, 39 and 40 of the resolution and the outcomes of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on matters referred to in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 (E/CN.18/AEG/2016/2)

Background document commissioned by the Secretariat on the suggested elements for the strategic plan of the international arrangement on forests for the period 2017-2030

Compilation of views and proposals from Member States and other relevant stakeholders on the matters referred to in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 on the international arrangement on forests beyond 2015

References

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its eleventh session (E/2015/42)

Report of the Secretary-General on critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level (A/70/684)

Annex to resolution 69/313 of the General Assembly, entitled "Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development"

Resolution 70/1 of the General Assembly, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development"

Resolution 2015/33 of the Economic and Social Council, entitled "International arrangement on forests beyond 2015"

5. Other matters

The expert group may wish to discuss and make recommendations on other matters relating to its work.

6. Adoption of the report of the expert group on its first meeting

The expert group may wish to adopt its report, which should contain a summary by the Co-Chairs of proposals on matters referred to in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33. The report will be submitted to the expert group at its second meeting and will serve as a background document for the meetings of the working group.